

U-BOAT VICTIMS ONLY 1 IN 200

Effectiveness of Submarine Warfare Is Decreasing

SHIPPING BOARD GIVES THE FACTS

Says Allies Are Fast Conquering Kaiser's Strongest Weapon

Washington, Oct. 24.—The effectiveness of the submarine as the arch enemy of overseas commerce is decreasing steadily, according to figures produced yesterday by officials of the United States shipping board. The risks of destruction by the Kaiser's U-boats in the north Atlantic—there exists no longer such a thing as a delaminated war zone—have dropped to a point where of the vessels traversing the areas infested by the submarines only one in 200 is attacked. The percentage of sinkings, however, is 62.5. In other words, for every vessel leaving an American port for the seaports of the entente alliance on the north Atlantic shores of Europe the chance of her receiving an intended death blow from a German submarine is only one in 200. The chances of sending the ship to the bottom once the torpedo is driven home is but 125 sinkings to every 200 attacks.

The danger is diminishing from month to month, according to statements made to the shipping board officials by men high in the shipping industry of the country. They define it as "negligible" compared with the danger which surrounded the ships traversing the delaminated areas when the ruthless undersea warfare was first declared.

The foregoing assertion is supported by naval officers, who claim that the reduction of the number of sinkings is not due to any letup in the submarine campaign on the part of the German navy, but rather to the improved practice of the navies of the allies in combating the U-boats and the improved methods of handling the commercial vessels against which the attacks are directed.

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WHAT WAS OFFERED.

By Boston & Maine Railroad to Dissatisfied Men.

Boston, Oct. 24.—At the conclusion yesterday of a conference with workers, the Boston & Maine railroad issued the following statement: "The Boston & Maine management is still negotiating with the men in the station service. Yesterday morning a further offer of settlement was made and in the event that this was not satisfactory the management offered to refer the entire matter to arbitration." The railroad offered the men an immediate increase of 25 cents a day and the elimination of the so-called probationary period of service, it was stated. The committee said it would submit the proposition to the council of railway clerks at a meeting last night. The men's demands included, in addition to a 75 cent increase, an eight-hour day, pay for holidays, abolition of the probationary period and establishment of a definite minimum rate of pay. Railroad officials did not wish to consider all of the demands at this time, they said.

STRIKE OF ARIZONA COPPER MINERS ENDS

President Wilson's Labor Commission Announces Result in Telegram.

Washington, Oct. 24.—Settlement of the strike of copper miners in Arizona was formally announced yesterday in a telegram from President Wilson's labor commission in the West.

8,000 STRIKE AT ARSENAL

Construction Mechanics Refuse to Work with Non-Union Men.

Boston, Oct. 24.—More than 8,000 union men, mostly mechanics employed on construction at the big Watertown arsenal, which is to cost \$8,000,000, went on strike yesterday.

The trouble started when the union men claimed contractors were employing non-union men.

Gun carriages and mountings for American artillery will be made in the arsenal.

PAINLEVE MINISTRY TO RETAIN OFFICE

French Cabinet Will Stay in Its Entirety, with Exception of Ribot.

Paris, Oct. 24.—The Painleve ministry is to remain in office in its entirety, according to announcement by the Havas news agency, except that Alexander Ribot, minister of foreign affairs, retired, being replaced by J. Louis Barthou, minister of state and member of the war council.

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Save every drop of skim milk. It is a valuable food. Use it in your kitchen and on your table.

It is valuable as a beverage, in cooking, as cottage cheese—too valuable to waste, whether it comes through your own separator or the separator at the creamery—too valuable to be thrown away, or fed to farm animals, if it can be used for human food.

At creameries where milk is handled, skim milk is often thrown down the drains. Creameries ought to make their skim milk into cottage cheese.

Farmers ought to make cottage cheese at home. Skim milk so used will supplement our meat supply, for cottage cheese is one of the best substitutes for meat. Use it in your cooking.

Make and eat cottage cheese and encourage others to use it.

Make puddings and soups and bread with skim milk.

The dairy division of the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., will tell you how to make cottage cheese in the home or creamery and in what dishes it may be used.

Four-Minute Speakers Doing Well.

Mason S. Stone, state chairman of the committee on four-minute speaking, finds that the speakers of the state and the moving picture managers, especially, are giving him a great deal of help in the matter. While it was the policy of the government to have a separate committee, Mr. Stone prevailed upon the government's representative that Vermont, through its public safety committee, had built up a committee that could handle the matter better than any new committee, that the present committee could get to work quicker and that better results would be obtained. His predictions in the matter have been more than fulfilled.

Mr. Stone has sent to the town committees and to those who speak, the outline of the program that is to be followed, which for the most part is being well carried out, although reports coming to Mr. Stone in some instances, are that the speakers are using more than four minutes which was expressly laid down by the government. The maximum time allotted for the speaking except in a church, when an extra minute is allowed. He terms those who keep within the four minutes at moving picture shows as the "machine gun men" of the platform, because they must hit the mark in that time, and those who take more than four minutes fall as "machine gun men."

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IN LOCAL MARKETS

Fresh Eggs Are Scarce at 48@50 Cents Per Dozen

BUTTER PRICES ARE VERY FIRM

Dairy Butter 45 Cents and Creamery 46@47 Cents

Barre, Vt., Oct. 24, 1917.

Fresh eggs scarce. Butter prices firm. Wholesale quotations:

Dressed pork—22c.
Lamb—25c.
Veals—18c.
Fowls—24@25c.
Chickens—27@30c.
Fresh eggs—48@50c.
Butter, creamery, 46@47c.
Butter, dairy—firm at 45c.
Potatoes—\$1.25.

RICKER'S MARKET REPORTS

Heavy Receipts of Everything Except Milk Cows.

St. Johnsbury, Oct. 24.—Receipts at W. A. Ricker's market for the week ending Oct. 22 included:

Poultry—400 lbs. 14c.
Lamb—550, 4@12c.
Hogs—241, 14@15c.
Cattle—237, 4@8c.
Calves—650, 4@12c.
Milk cows—40, \$60@110.

IN BOSTON MARKETS

Butter Prints 47½@48c—Choice Eastern Eggs 55@60c.

Boston, Oct. 24.—Jobbing quotations:

Butter—Fancy northern creamery tubs 46@47½c, boxes 47@47½c, prints 47½@48c, fancy western creamery 45½@46c, good to choice creamery 44½@45c, fair to good 43½@44c, renovated butter 42½@43c, lardles 40½@41c.

Cheese—New York twins, fancy 25½@26c, fair to good 23½@24c, Young America 27@27½c.

Eggs—Fancy nearby henner 62@63c, choice eastern 55@60c, fresh western extras 55@60c, prime firsts 47@48c, firsts 45@46c, storage 28@40c.

BREAK IN HOG PRICES.

Lower Than for Months at Brighton Market.

Brighton, Mass., Oct. 24.—Hog prices broke badly this week, and at Brighton yesterday morning they were lower than for months past. All live stock was easier, though really choice material was not quotably lower.

Few really choice steers were offered at the Brighton yards yesterday, 11@12 cents being about the top for fancy stock. Average tops sold at 9@10 cents, good cattle at 8@9 cents and light cattle at 6@7 cents.

Best beef cows were slow of sale, tops bringing 7 @ 8 cents, with a few fancy at 8½@9 cents. Good cows brought 5½ @ 6 cents, ordinary cows 4½@5 cents and canner cows 4@4½ cents.

Bulls sold at 8@8½ cents for tops, but the average run sold at 7@7½ cents, and bolognas at 4½@5 cents. Offerings of small bulls were large and prices were easy, sales running from 4½@6 cents.

Calves sold at 12@13 cents for bunch lots, with some fancy small lots at 13@13½ cents. Fair lots brought 10@11 cents, and grassers and drinkers 8@9 cents.

Three was a heavy throw of sheep and lambs in the morning's receipts. Choice lambs sold at 12@13 cents and sheep at 8@9 cents, but off stock sold for less.

In the big break in hog prices yesterday, best lots were selling at 16@16½ cents, with rough lots still further declines are predicted.

Milk cows are selling slowly, especially for anything not strictly fancy. Ordinary milkers sold at \$35@45 and from this up to \$100@125 for fancy milkers.

Dressed hogs have dropped quite sharply in price, the packers now quoting 20½ @ 21 cents, a decline of 2½ cents for the week. This compares with 23@23½ cents a week ago and 13@13½ cents a year ago.

BRADFORD

Nov. 3 at 8 p. m., a program in charge of Mrs. Crewe will be given in the church on the south road, West Bradford. Proceeds to go to Red Cross for Christmas box for soldiers at the front. Admission, adults 20c, children 10c. All are asked to attend and give the boys a treat. The following is the program: Address, "Red Cross Work in Schools," E. L. Clark, superintendent of schools; story, "What Started Present War," Mrs. M. J. Robb; song, "Farewell, Mother," Master Wilber Robb; reading, "Now or Never," Miss J. Collins, class 12; Bradford, solo, "Patriotic Selection," Mrs. Linnie; address, "Work of Chaplains," Mrs. Crewe; selection, Methodist choir; Bradford, reading, "Whispering Bill," Mrs. M. J. Robb, elocution, Vancouver, B. C.; salute to flag, Emma Densmore; reading, "The Death Disk," Miss B. L. Davis, class 17, Montpelier; tableau, "America," audience.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Excellent Company of Players Promised with "My Irish Cinderella."

"My Irish Cinderella" will be the attraction at the opera house to-morrow night. It tells of the experience of little Peggy McNeil, a little Irish girl who has been brought up in an orphan asylum ignorant of the identity and rank of her father and mother.

A young barrister from England, who is in New York in search of the grandchild of the earl of Lonsdale, takes Peggy to England and to the old earl as his grandchild. Some of the scenes in the play are said to be thrilling and exciting, yet it sparkles with brilliant Irish wit and humor.

Miss Daisy Carleton, as Peggy, has several new song hits which will be introduced during the action of the play.

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NORWICH SECONDS DEFEATED M. S.

Colleagues Had the Better of the Contest in First Two Periods and Seminary Played Better in Last Half.

The Norwich university second football team defeated Montpelier seminary team on the latter's campus Tuesday afternoon by a score of 20 to 0, and not until the last period of playing did Montpelier have a chance to score but failed that time because one of the men did not fall upon the ball when it had rolled behind the goal posts, which, according to the Norwich coach, would have been a touch down. He saw the play and expressed considerable surprise that the team did not take advantage of Norwich's error.

The first two periods of the game Montpelier was unable to accomplish much against their opponents, but in the third and fourth periods they seemed to have the best end of the bargain, many substitutes having been put into the game by Norwich and the only bright spot in these periods being the 70-yard run of Stacey Clark, a Montpelier boy, who gobbled up a ball fumbled by a Montpelier player and ran almost the entire length of the field; but he could not have pulled off that play had it not been for Wheeler of the Norwich team, who dumped one of the Montpelier men who was close to Clark's heels. It was as clever a thing as has been seen on that field in a long time.

Montpelier, although playing two substitutes in the backfield, did not seem to be weakened any. Hatch ran his team exceedingly well, in fact, better than it seemed to have been handled this fall, while Keirn played as stiff a game as Duhar has shown thus far. It was a chance for him to make good and he seemed to be the best man in the backfield for the local team. Granai was out of the game with acute indigestion, while Duhar is suffering with a sprained ankle.

Montpelier's line played better than it has shown this year. This is about the only game where they have been forced to show their stuff.

Smith and Clark of Montpelier high school's team last year played halfback and end, respectively, for Norwich, which carried a great deal of feeling into the game. Clark is first sub at end for the varsity and the coach pulled him out when there seemed to be an indication that the local fellow was laying for him. Smith played the first two periods but did not go back the third because he had not been feeling well for a few days and the coach was taking no chances with his first sub backfield man. Both gave good accounts of themselves and their many admirers cheered them lustily for the good plays made by each of them.

The game opened with Norwich receiving the ball, Smith carrying it back several yards on the kick off. It was rushed along and Grout finally carried it across the line, Smith kicking the goal. Montpelier received the ball and Hatch tried the shoestring trick play, but Smith was wise to the play and intercepted the lateral pass to Hatch, running some 30 yards for a touchdown. On the kickoff for placement to try for the goal Norwich men failed to retain the pigskin, forfeiting their chance for a goal. Some short gains were made by Montpelier and then Hatch got away a long punt and Verney placed the ball in striking distance for another touchdown but the period ended before results were obtained.

In the second period neither team was able to do much, although Montpelier was on the defensive most of the time. She lost ground on a fumble and was forced to punt early in the period the ball going to the 20-yard line in Norwich's possession. Smith soon punted and Montpelier punted back on the first play. Short line playing took place, the ball being near the center of the field at the end of the period.

In the third period Montpelier came back strong, Norwich having put in substitutes. The period was in Montpelier's favor but Hatch soon punted and the ball, rolling across the goal line, was brought to the 20-yard line. Norwich made a few rushes and then punted. Montpelier made a few rushes and then from the center of the field Hatch kicked, the period ending shortly afterward.

In the fourth period Montpelier seemed again to have the best of it and was working the ball well towards Norwich's goal line when Montpelier fumbled and Clark, picking up the ball, started for the goal. Wheeler saw a Montpelier man near Clark and dumped him with a long dive. Grout kicked the goal. In the first two periods Norwich had worked many forward passes but in the last period they were unable to get any away. Free fumbles benefited Montpelier. A lateral pass that was blocked and the ball rolling across the Norwich goal line gave Montpelier a chance to score; but the team did not take advantage of it, and the game ended with the ball about 15 yards from the Norwich goal line.

The line-up:

Norwich—Bowen, le; Leavitt, lt; Newton, lg; Earle, c; Van Vranken, rg; Harrington, rt; Clark, re; Verney, qb; Dalton, lb; Smith, rb; Grout, fb; substitutes, McCall, Waite, Wood, Wheeler, Gleason.

Montpelier—Tudhope, re; Parker, rt;

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